

REMARKS

Entry of the above-amendment and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for affording a telephonic interview with the undersigned attorney on February 17, 2004, during which the Examiner suggested via voice mail that the applicant provide an amendment with his further amendments to the claims for placing the case in condition for allowance and that we would consider them.

All of the arguments made in the Amendment filed December 18, 2003 to the outstanding Rejections are herein repeated.

The rejection of claims 1-7, 9, 11-14, and 21 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Butterworth et al is traversed. Further arguments against the Butterworth reference is that applicant has now amended his claims to exclude fabric softeners and limited the lower limit of the amount of actives in the household care composition to at least 7 wt %. Support for this amendment of the amount of active present is based on the working Examples. Since applicant is now excluding fabric softeners, this reference clearly does not apply to this application. The lower limit of the actives in the composition of at least 7 wt % is an added distinguishing feature of the claims of this application.

Hence, for the reasons set forth in the previous amendment and the reasons set forth above, it is submitted that the Butterworth et al reference clearly does not anticipate applicant's invention.

For the reasons set forth above, it is submitted that the instant application is in condition for allowance and prompt notification thereof is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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